

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2290

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

February 18, 2016

An act to ~~amend~~ *repeal and add* Section ~~51212~~ 60605.3 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2290, as amended, Santiago. Pupil instruction: ~~foreign language~~. *world languages*.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education, on or before June 1, 2009, to adopt content standards for teaching foreign languages in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, pursuant to recommendations developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This bill would establish the World Language Content Standards Advisory Committee, as provided. The bill would require the advisory committee to recommend to the state board updated world language content standards and a world language framework for teaching foreign language in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, as provided. The bill would require, if the state board adopts the content standards and the framework, the state board to adopt the content standards on or before September 1, 2017, and the framework on or before January 1, 2018.

~~Existing law sets forth the intent and purpose of the Legislature to encourage the establishment of programs of instruction in foreign language, with instruction beginning as early as feasible for each school district.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 60605.3 of the Education Code is~~
2 ~~repealed.~~
3 ~~60605.3. (a) On or before June 1, 2009, the State Board of~~
4 ~~Education shall adopt content standards, pursuant to~~
5 ~~recommendations developed by the Superintendent of Public~~
6 ~~Instruction, for teaching foreign languages in kindergarten and~~
7 ~~grades 1 to 12, inclusive.~~
8 ~~(b) The content standards shall support the goals of Section~~
9 ~~51212 and subdivision (c) of Section 51220 by including all of the~~
10 ~~following:~~
11 ~~(1) A summary of the language goals which recognizes that~~
12 ~~instruction may begin in elementary or secondary school.~~
13 ~~(2) A description of individual language skills that should be~~
14 ~~taught and attained at each level.~~
15 ~~(3) Course content that is aligned with findings from research~~
16 ~~on second language acquisition and education.~~
17 ~~(4) Course content that is aligned with the admission~~
18 ~~requirements for the California State University and the University~~
19 ~~of California.~~
20 ~~(c) The content standards may be used by school districts to~~
21 ~~develop language programs and course assessments but are not~~
22 ~~mandatory.~~
23 ~~SEC. 2. Section 60605.3 is added to the Education Code, to~~
24 ~~read:~~
25 ~~60605.3. (a) (1) There is hereby established the World~~
26 ~~Language Content Standards Advisory Committee.~~
27 ~~(2) The advisory committee shall consist of 21 members,~~
28 ~~appointed as follows:~~
29 ~~(A) Ten members appointed by the Governor.~~
30 ~~(B) Four members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.~~
31 ~~(C) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.~~
32 ~~(D) Three members appointed by the Superintendent.~~
33 ~~(3) Members of the advisory committee shall serve at the~~
34 ~~pleasure of the appointing authority.~~

1 (4) *Not less than one-half of the members appointed by each of*
2 *the appointing authorities pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be*
3 *current public school elementary or secondary classroom teachers.*

4 (5) *The advisory committee shall do all of the following:*

5 (A) *Review the existing content standards established for*
6 *teaching foreign languages in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,*
7 *inclusive.*

8 (B) *Considering the impact that the proposed updates will have*
9 *upon school districts and existing curricula and assessments,*
10 *prepare updates to the current content standards that reflect*
11 *research findings and best practices in the field and those that the*
12 *advisory committee deems necessary.*

13 (C) *Recommend to the state board the updated world language*
14 *content standards and a world language framework for teaching*
15 *foreign language in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.*

16 (D) (i) *Conduct at least two, and no more than six, in-person*
17 *meetings including opportunities for public input.*

18 (ii) *The advisory committee may convene additional meetings*
19 *by teleconference or the Internet.*

20 (iii) *Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article*
21 *9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of*
22 *Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), all meetings and*
23 *hearings of the advisory committee, whether live or by*
24 *teleconference or Internet, shall be open and available to the*
25 *public.*

26 (6) *On or before _____, the advisory committee shall present its*
27 *recommended updated world language content standards to the*
28 *state board.*

29 (7) *Members of the advisory committee shall serve without*
30 *compensation, except for actual and necessary travel expenses*
31 *and costs of substitutes, if any, for the members of the advisory*
32 *committee who are school teachers.*

33 (8) *Upon completing this review and presenting the*
34 *recommendations to the state board, the terms of the members of*
35 *the advisory committee shall cease.*

36 (b) *The department shall post on its Internet Web site the*
37 *updates to the world language content standards proposed by the*
38 *advisory committee for a minimum of 60 days. The department*
39 *shall include a link by which members of the public may submit*
40 *comments on the proposed updates.*

1 (c) No earlier than 60 days after the department posts the
2 proposed updated world language content standards on the
3 department's Internet Web site pursuant to subdivision (b) and no
4 later than 120 days after receiving the recommended updated
5 world language content standards from the advisory committee,
6 the state board shall do either of the following:

7 (1) Adopt the content standards as proposed by the advisory
8 committee.

9 (2) Reject the content standards as proposed by the advisory
10 committee. If the state board rejects the content standards, it shall
11 provide a specific written explanation to the Superintendent, the
12 Governor, and the Legislature of the reasons why the proposed
13 content standards were rejected.

14 (d) If the state board adopts the world language content
15 standards pursuant to the recommendations developed by the
16 advisory committee, the state board shall do so on or before
17 September 1, 2017.

18 (e) If the state board adopts the world language framework
19 pursuant to recommendations developed by the advisory committee,
20 the state board shall do so on or before January 1, 2018.

21 ~~SECTION 1. Section 51212 of the Education Code is amended~~
22 ~~to read:~~

23 ~~51212. It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature to~~
24 ~~encourage the establishment of programs in foreign language~~
25 ~~instruction, with instruction beginning as early as feasible for each~~
26 ~~school district.~~